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subject: Coding of Hazardous Samples

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The hazard codes that will be used by field personnel for incoming samples will be as follows:

## Source Code

- (1) Ambient and drinking water
- (2) Wastewater (industrial and municipal)
- (3) Hazardous dump site
- (4) Emergency response
- (5) Other (explain on field sheet)

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## Hazard Code

- (B) Bio-hazard
- (C) Chemical hazard
- (F) Flammability hazard
- (A) Hazard unknown to field personnel
- (S) Known to be safe (e.g., drinking water used in public drinking water system)

For example: 2C - sample from wastewater source with possible toxic chemical hazard; 4CF - emergency response sample with possible chemical and flammability hazard; 1S - ambient or drinking water source with no known or possible toxic chemical hazard.

This code should be on each sample container. Please use to code in order that proper safety precautions are taken.

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